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SUBJECT: MPLA DELEGATION VISITS VENEZUELA

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1. MPLA DELEGATION HEADED BY MAJOR HENRIQUE DE CARVALHO SANTOS AND INCLUDING ROBERTO DE ALMEIDA AND PAULETTE MARIA DE MORAIS LOPEZ ARRIVED IN CARACAS NIGHT ON JANUARY 3 AND MET THE NEXT DAY WITH LEFT-WING LEADERS MAS DEPUTY JOSE VICENTE RANGEL AND MIR DEPUTY AMERICO MARTIN. ACCORDING TO PRESS, GROUP DID NOT MEET WITH ANY MORE MODERATE POLITICAL IGURES.

2. AT NOON ON JANUARY 5 GROUP MET FOR ABOUT AN HOUR WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM. FOLLOWING MEETING CARVALHO SANTOS UNCLASSIFIED

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TOLD PRESS THAT HE HAD DESCRIBED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE

CURRENT SITUATION IN ANGOLA, WHOSE SOVEREIGNTY, HE SAID IS BEING THREATENED, ESPECIALLY BY SOUTH AFRICA. ASKED ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF CUBANS IN ANGOLA, CARVALHO SANTOS EVADED A DIRECT REPLY, BUT NOTED THAT THERE ARE TROOPS THERE FROM ZAIRE AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAD SPOKEN TO FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR ABOUT THE "POSSIBILITY THAT ANGOLA COULD USE PART OF (VENEZUELA'S) PETROLEUM EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY THE NATIONALIZATION PROCESS," AND HAD RECALLED THAT "HIS OWN COUNTRY IS A PRODUCER OF PETROLEUM."

3. PRESS QUOTES ESCOVAR AS HAVING TOLD THE MPLA GROUP THAT VENEZUELA FAVORS NON-INTERVENTION BY WHATEVER COUNTRY IN THE INTERNAL SITUATION OF ANGOLA.

4. COMMENT. THE MPLA GROUP DEPARTED CARACAS JANUARY 6 REPORTEDLY FOR PANAMA. PUBLICITY HERE WAS SPARSE AND THE MISSION SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT EMPTY-HANDED.
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